

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been amended or added. Consequently, claims 24-40 are currently pending and under consideration.

Allowed Claims

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 24-40 in item 6 of the Office Action. Considering that the other claims have been canceled and only allowed claims 24-40 are pending, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

February 11, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement

Again, it should be noted that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted on February 11, 2005. A copy of the IDS has not been again supplied since it appears on both public and private PAIR. It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of this IDS be returned in the next communication from the Patent Office.

Supplemental Application Data Sheet

A Supplemental Application Data Sheet (ADS) was previously submitted on August 22, 2005 in order to update the spelling of an inventor's first name as well as to update the docket number, power of attorney and correspondence address information. In particular, it was requested that the attorney docket number be changed to "7404-727". More importantly, it was requested that the first or given name for Mr. Koelker be corrected to "Karl-Heinz" (instead of "Harl-Heinz"). In accordance with MPEP 201.03, 601.05, and 605.4, it was believed that the ADS satisfied the requirements to correct the spelling of an inventor's name, and therefore, a supplemental declaration was not required. A Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney has been received in which the power of attorney and correspondence address was updated. However, the attorney docket number has not been updated, and based on the publication review information on private PAIR, it does not appear that Mr. Koelker's first name has been updated. In accordance with the August 22, 2005 ADS, it is respectfully requested that the USPTO update its records with respect to the attorney docket number and Mr. Koelker's first name.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion. For example, the Applicant does not concede the basis for the enablement or obviousness rejections in the latest Office Action.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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